

THE TANK TALE OF ANNETTE KELLERMANN

Annette Kellermann's voice trembled with feeling as she told her tank tale. Perhaps you never realized Miss Kellermann had a voice. You had always thought of her in her dripping diving suit as an amphibious spirit, part seal, part mermaid—certainly nothing that needed a regular voice, unless to chant siren songs from a Lorient rock or something.

"I have spent thousands of dollars on my voice and my dancing. I have studied dramatic art and slaved conscientiously to fit myself for straight acting—and I can't even get a chance to show them!" she wailed.

"But I've been down in Bermuda as 'Neptune's Daughter,' doing a wonderful moving picture play, being hurled off cliffs with my hands and feet tied, nearly drowning because the ropes swelled and I couldn't bite them apart and finally getting almost killed when the tank burst and cut us up so we had to spend weeks in the hospital."

"I walked eight miles in a day from my brother's house in 20th street to Forty-second street and got my new tank back into shape again. I do everything to keep in readiness for any chance of a straight part in some place where there isn't a tank. But never a chance or a ghost of a chance comes along."

"I'm proud as Punch of my movie acting. That is better than the tank, because I drop off a precipice once in a while or am a mermaid in a real sea cave. And I wear a regular dress, think of that. First time I ever had a real dress on my back on the stage. My-I was proud."

"I wouldn't mind doing dives and rescues in a play where there's a plot. But this eternal tank gets me very tired. There's no future in it. I can't go jumping off of springboards all my life and climbing up a pasteboard rock and jumping off again, doing back-flips and somersaults by way of change. No."

"When I first started that stunt it was a novelty and I loved it. Now when I go to vaudeville shows and see every kid in creation dressed in the little old black suit that I invented doing 'Annette Kellermann dives' I want to run ten miles anywhere where there isn't any tank. Say, won't you write a story for me? Something with an ocean in it, if you must, but not a tank!"

JOHN BUNNY'S FACE

John Bunny's face is at once his fortune and his misfortune. It has established him as one of the highest salaried actors in the world and at the same time has made him so easily recognizable that he cannot hide. If Mr. Bunny enters a Broadway restaurant the diners stop dining long enough to wave a Chautauque salute. If he goes in a prize fight or ball game the fans stand and cheer his entrance. If he walks down the street a crowd follows and congests traffic.

It seems scarcely necessary to state that John Bunny is the funny, little fellow who falls out of airplanes and tumbles off skyscrapers in the movies, since it is estimated that more than 5,000,000 people in the United States and between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000 in the world attend the movies daily and most of these at some time or other have laughed at Bunny's antics.

When Mr. Bunny had been acting for the films only a year and a half he went abroad to be photographed in photographs with foreign backgrounds. His trip proved a triumphal tour from the moment he mounted the gangplank. At every station at which the boat train to London stopped the loungers recognized him immediately and he stepped onto the platform. In London, whenever he walked upon the Strand or in Ludgate Circus he was given a young ovation. In Paris, Berlin and St. Petersburg the cry "There goes Bunny!" in as many respective languages always greeted his appearance in public, and was the tune that made of him a madon and a hero with thrills clamoring at his heels. In Paris they called him Monsieur, the Germans dubbed him Kinton, and the Russians conferred upon him the diminutive, Pockoon.

KEITH'S PROMISES BIG ATTRACTIONS

The present manager of the B. F. Keith Theater, in this city, has been notified by the United Booking Office that contracts have been signed with Sylvanus Schaeffer, the popular attraction, now the rage in New York, with Ruth Royce, the dainty comedienne, who became famous at the Keith Palace theater this summer, and with Richard Carle and Hattie Williams, the musical comedy stars. The headquarters authorities are now engaged in routing Ethel Barrymore over the circuit and Henrietta Croaman, Jeff D'Angelo and Eva Davenport are among those undergoing negotiations in new vehicles for their respective talents. Valli, Flo, Irwin, the Farns, Mrs. Leona Carter, William Farnham, and a host of other distinguished players are on the tentative list. Mrs. Carter is only waiting for a suitable sketch. Others are delaying in the hope that conditions in the syndicate booking offices will brighten and let loose a lot of plays in the 32 theaters.

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